

Wycombe out of focus

**WYCOMBE 1,
PETERBOROUGH 3**
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AFTER holding Fourth Division leaders Peterborough to 1-1 at half-time, Wycombe slipped after the interval to concede two goals in their second round Cup-tie at Loakes Park.

The amateurs were plagued with nerves in the opening stages and in the seventh minute Peterborough's Hall collected a pass from Robson, but shot wide.

Then there was a moment of light-hearted drama when a

Tannoy announcement asked for Mrs Sue Williams, wife of the Wycombe full-back to report to the trainers' bench.

Her husband, Rob, had lost a contact lens and she had a spare set.

Wycombe, who knocked out Newport in the previous round, had a chance after 10 minutes, when Welsh international Evans beat Walker in a tackle, but sent his shot high over the bar.

Problems

Full back Grant was causing the Fourth Division side problems with his clever runs on the left and one superb cross looked

particularly dangerous, but Turner headed clear as Evans challenged.

At times Peterborough's distribution was hardly what you would expect of the Fourth Division pacemakers—perhaps the 11ft slope from side to side had something to do with it—and Wycombe took full advantage of it.

England international Pritchard and Reardon intercepted several Peterborough passes and used the ball well to widen their attacks.

But Peterborough began to

exert pressure on the Wycombe defence and in the space of three minutes referee John Hunting disallowed two Peterborough goals.

The first, from Cozens, was offside and the second, by Robson, was disallowed because of pushing.

In the 28th minute Wycombe had a chance to take the lead. Hollifield played a neat 1-2 with Perrin, but Carmichael cleared the danger with a lunging tackle.

Then in the 35th minute, Peterborough took the lead. Hall, after some clever footwork on

MAN OF THE MATCH

LARRY PRITCHARD . . .
solid midfield display for Wycombe.

the right sent over a cross which was headed down by Robson, the ball ran to COZENS, who fired it home.

Then in the 44th minute Wycombe equalised. Reardon hit a free-kick into a crowded penalty area and PRITCHARD headed in.

Half-time : Wycombe 1, Peterboro 1

Just after the interval, Walker had a chance to put Peterborough back in front, but his 20-yard shot was saved by Marshall.

Wycombe were now chasing every ball and for a long period Peterborough were penned in their own, half content to soak up the pressure.

Then in the 62nd minute Peterborough moved back in front. Murray ran with the ball to the line and pulled back a low cross which the unmarked COZENS shot home.

Four minutes later Marshall made a good save from Hill. In the 71st minute Peterborough moved further ahead through Hall.

HALL was the scorer, with the Wycombe defence appealing for offside.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS.—J. Maxwell, R. Williams, R. Grant, P. Wood, D. Bullock, T. Reardon, A. Horsman, L. Pritchard, D. Evans, M. Hollifield, S. Perrin, S. Murray, A. Bradbury.

PETERBOROUGH.—Drewery, Bradlev, Carmichael, Walker, Turner, Jefferis, Murray, Cozens, Hall, Hill, Robson. Sub: Oakes.